

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 292022

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PGOV, GA, UNGA

SUBJECT: GAMBIAN SUPPORT FOR UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR  
HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: BANJUL 1698

1. VOTE ON HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PROPOSAL  
TOOK PLACE IN UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE DECEMBER 5. COMMITTEE  
APPROVED CUBAN MOTION NOT TO VOTE ON HIGH COMMISSIONER  
PROPOSAL BUT INSTEAD TO REFER IT TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMISSION FOR ITS CONSIDERATION AT ITS 1978 SESSION.  
VOTE ON CUBAN MOTION WAS 62-49 (US, GAMBIA, SENEGAL,  
ITALY AND UK) - 16.

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2. WHILE PROPONENTS HAVE SUFFERED PROCEDURAL SETBACK,  
HIGH COMMISSIONER PROPOSAL IS FAR FROM DEAD AND USG WILL  
BE CONSIDERING OVER COMING MONTHS STRATEGY FOR GAINING  
FURTHER SUPPORT FOR IT. EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS TO  
CHRISTENSEN OUR SATISFACTION AT GAMBIAN INTEREST IN  
PROPOSAL AND THE HOPE THAT AFRICAN STATES SUCH AS GAMBIA

WHICH SUPPORT PROPOSAL WILL BE ABLE TO GAIN ADDITIONAL  
SUPPORT FOR IT AMONG AFRICAN STATES.

3. DEPT VIEW IS THAT IT IS MUCH TOO EARLY TO TAKE

POSITION ON SPECIFIC CANDIDATES FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER  
POST AND WE THEREFORE HAVE NO COMMENT ON CANDIDACY OF  
GAMBIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL. CHRISTOPHER

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